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“Pretty Woman: The Musical” at CIBC Theatre

■ Wednesday March 13, 2024 | \$199

On its first national tour at the CIBC Theatre, “Pretty Woman: The Musical” is based on one of Hollywood’s most beloved stories of all time! The musical stars Broadway superstar and Tony Award nominee Adam Pascal as Edward, a ruthless and driven business tycoon. During a trip to LA, he hires an escort: Vivian, a lady of the night who goes about her work with a clinical detachment. As their week together progresses, this usually isolated couple discover that they might just be falling for each other. Can this blossoming romance turn both of their lives around? The show combines a heartwarming love story and a modern twist on a fairy tale, and is highlighted by a toe-tapping score and a pair of outstanding actors. Lunch is included before the show at the Ukranian-owned Russian Tea Time Restaurant.

Ocean’s Rat Pack Show

■ Wednesday, March 20, 2024 | \$125

Coming off their performance on the Grand Ole Opry stage see Ocean’s Rat Pack at Joliet’s Jacob Henry Estate! Don’t miss this ultimate tribute group devoted to the music of the Rat Pack: Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr.–sung by Tony Ocean, Bill Serritella and Elliot Wimbush. Ocean’s Rat Pack brings the audience back to a time when Vegas and Hollywood were king. Enjoy lunch before the show.

“Aida” at the Lyric Opera

■ Thursday April 4, 2024 | \$229

Opera at its grandest! While “Aida” delights audiences with its visual splendor, it also captivates them with a score ranging from exquisitely intimate arias to deeply dramatic duets and trios, and the most thrilling choruses Giuseppe Verdi ever composed. “Aida” presents a riveting love triangle, which unfolds in an alluring Egyptian setting. Enjoy a wonderful lunch before the show at the Ukrainian-owned Russian Tea Time Restaurant.

“Mamma Mia!” at the Nederlander Theatre

■ Wednesday May 15, 2024 | \$231

Celebrating 25 years, “Mamma Mia!” returns to Chicago at the Nederlander Theatre. This feel-good show is the hilarious story of single mother Donna, struggling to cope with her young daughter’s impending marriage on a sun-filled picturesque Greek island. Throw into the mix three lovers from her past, any of whom could be the father of her daughter! This smash-hit musical includes ABBA’s greatest hits—including “Dancing Queen,” “Super Trouper,” “Take A Chance on Me,” “S.O.S.,” and “The Winner Takes It All”—with an enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship! Enjoy lunch at Greek Islands Restaurant.

TRIPS & TOURS ► For other Community Education day trips or extended tours, visit our website at <https://www.ce.d214.org/cet>

Cultural & Performing Arts

All performances are held in the Forest View Educational Center Theater.
Visit our website at ce.d214.org/events for more information and to reserve tickets.

Forest View Educational Center Theater • 2121 S Goebbert Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60005 • (847) 718-7700



February 25, 2024 - 3 p.m.
April 21, 2024 - 3 p.m.



February 4, 2024 - 3 p.m.
March 17, 2024 - 3 p.m.
April 28, 2024 - 3 p.m.



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“Inherit the Wind”

January 26, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.
January 27, 2024 - 3 p.m.
January 27, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.
January 28, 2024 - 3 p.m.



April 14, 2024 - 3 p.m.
July 30, 2024 - 7 p.m.



Old Time Radio Troupe

March 19, 2024 - 7 p.m.

District 214 Fine & Performing Arts Connection: Winter 2024

Buffalo Grove High School

1100 W. Dundee Road, Buffalo Grove

Vocal Jazz & A Cappella Show

Jan. 30, 7 p.m.

Orchesis Dance Show

Feb. 7, 7 p.m.

District 214 Symphonic Band Festival

Feb. 13, 7 p.m.

Winter Orchestra & Choir Concert

March 7, 7 p.m.

District 214 Concert Band Festival

March 14, 7 p.m.

Spring Musical: "Working"

April 16, 7 p.m.

Elk Grove High School

500 W. Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove Village

Winter Play: "Clue"

Jan. 24, 25, 26 & 27, 7 p.m.

One-Act Plays

March 21 & 22, 7 p.m.

Variety Show

April 24, 25, 26 & 27, 7 p.m.

John Hersey High School

1900 E. Thomas St., Arlington Heights

Winter Show

Feb. 1, 7 p.m.

Orchesis Show

Feb. 21, 4:30 p.m.

Spring Show

April 15, 7 p.m.

Prospect High School

801 W. Kensington Rd., Mount Prospect

Spring Musical: "Mamma Mia!"

April 16, 4:15 p.m.

Rolling Meadows High School

2901 W. Central Rd., Rolling Meadows

Comedy & Improv Show

Feb. 7, 4:30 p.m.

Orchesis Show

March 6, 4:30 p.m.

Choir Concert

March 18, 7 p.m.

Orchestra Concert

March 20, 7 p.m.

Spring Musical

May 1, 4:30 p.m.

Spring Band Concert

May 9, 7 p.m.

Spring Orchestra Concert

May 15, 7 p.m.

Spring Jazz Concert

May 16, 7 p.m.

Spring Choral Concert

May 19, 5 p.m.

Wheeling High School

900 S. Elmhurst Rd., Wheeling

Orchesis Show

Feb. 22, 7 p.m.

Spring Play: "The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickens"

April 18, 7 p.m.

Your Gold Card, with some exceptions, allows you free admission to these District 214 high school performances. Call the Community Education Office at 847-718-7700, or email us at ce@d214.org, at least one week in advance to reserve your seats. Some performances have limited seating available for Gold Card members. Dates and times are subject to change without notice.

CET director shares lifelong passion for travel



When **Bob Ramian** graduated from college with a business degree and started looking for a job, he spied an ad for a travel company headlined "no experience necessary." He contacted the organization, which turned out to be one of the top tour companies in the U.S. "The owner wanted people coming

in fresh, to train them from the beginning," says Bob. "I didn't originally have it on my radar, but after going through training, it turned out that I really enjoyed it."

Bob currently serves as tour operations manager for District 214's Community Education Travel and is celebrating nearly four decades in the travel business. "The biggest change in the travel business has been technology," he says. "When designing tour products back in the day you had to, oftentimes, personally search for destinations. When I first started in the business I was like Charles Kuralt, driving through America. I was in all 50 states before I was 30 years old."

He started working with District 214 more than a decade ago as an outside contractor, and joined the district staff in April 2014.

Community Education Travel develops and operates its own tours, and also works with larger organizations as a group travel agency. In a typical year, more than 2,000 people travel on CET tours. Bob plans the extensive roster of trips, which include day tours to scenic and historic locations, performing arts and special events in the Chicagoland area—extending occasionally into southern Wisconsin, northwest Indiana and even once in a while into southwest Michigan. In addition, CET organizes extended tours within the U.S. and overseas—that have included, for instance, a 25-person trip to Egypt and cruises to Hawaii. A regular highlight is a summertime Chicago Cubs road trip, taking fans to games in places like Minneapolis and Milwaukee.

The success is in the numbers: Bob says as many as 80% to 85% of tour participants return for more experiences. "I would say if you want a worry-free, educational and fun experience, please join us!" he says. "Our tours are all-inclusive, unique and you might come away with some new life-long friends."



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Join Us This Winter

Our winter schedule includes new offerings to keep you engaged and connected.

Take advantage of long winter days to fine-tune your investment strategies...learn how to make empanadas or Asian dumplings...prepare your garden for spring...discover new and fabulous uses for lavender. Learn a new language or join one of our indoor fitness classes.

We offer programs to suit everyone's interests—weekly classes or one-day workshops.

Registration is open now. Check our website at ce.d214.org for an up-to-date list of winter programs and to register for classes. Sign up for our email list at www.ce.d214.org/goldcard to make sure you are in the know about class updates.

